

## ABOUT THE STATE

## HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST FROM DIFFERENT SECTIONS

The Baptist church at Addison celebrated its 100th anniversary Feb. 2.

Mrs. Phoebe Wright of South Starksboro, who is in her 98th year, is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bridgman of Hardwick will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary February 11.

This year has 53 Saturdays and a like number of Sundays. This combination will not occur again for 40 years.

William Holcomb, who was arrested for the alleged beating of his son in Rutland, pleaded guilty, was sentenced to serve from three to four months in Rutland county jail.

Dr. Quigley, medical inspector of the Rutland schools, estimates that within the last few weeks at least 400 school children have been ill with grippe and colds, and that no less than 200 children are sick at the present time.

Lumberjacks in the employ of the Northern & Eastern Lumber and Pulp company, operating at Somerset on a pulpwood contract being cut for the Deerfield Pulp Co., are reported to have gone on strike Jan. 29, food conditions being alleged to be at the bottom of the trouble.

A large doe caught in a wire fence at St. Johnsbury was so badly torn and mangled by four hounds that it was killed to put it out of its misery. The deer was caught on the ridge west of the knob and was probably the first deer to be killed within the village limits since the village was incorporated.

A son was born Saturday at 4 o'clock in the Melrose hospital in West Brattleboro to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dunlevy. The baby was 25 inches in length and weighed 15 pounds at birth. Dr. E. R. Lynch, the attending physician, said that in his 20 years as a practicing physician it was the most unusual birth at which he had been present. The baby is strong and healthy.

Basil F. Mangan, who was stricken with infantile paralysis 21 years ago, has undergone two very serious operations for relief from it at the Rutland City hospital in the last five weeks and there are indications that he will be able to stand before many weeks. Mr. Mangan, who is a Rutland man, has been confined to a chair since he had the attack and has never been able to use either leg for the 21 years.

In the six weeks following the evangelistic services in Brattleboro, conducted by Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman and Charles M. Alexander, 182 persons have united with the churches of that place. By churches, the number received was as follows: Centre Congregational, 49; Methodist, 46; First Congregational of West Brattleboro, 27; First Baptist, 25; West Brattleboro Baptist, 13; Swedish Congregational, 12; Advent Christian, 10. Total, 182.

Edward H. Wilder, for many years an owner of race horses, with a residence on the road from Springfield to Weatherfield, died there Feb. 3, after being ill with heart trouble for some time. He was as well as usual when he retired, but was taken sick soon after and died before a physician could reach him. Mr. Wilder was born about 51 years ago. For many years he owned and raced well-known horses, including Jones Ordway, The Governor, The Governor and Pansy Mossom. The latter participated in many free-for-all races. While following the racing game, Mr. Wilder made his home in Burlington for 15 years and later lived at Whitehall, N. Y. He came to Springfield seven years ago and until January 10, 1915, he conducted a horse sale stable. On that date a fire occurred which destroyed the stable, several horses, and in which one man lost his life. Mr. Wilder never resumed the business.

## FUNERAL OF DR. J. W. GREGG.

Was Held at Brattleboro Saturday Afternoon—Physicians Attended in Body.

Brattleboro, Feb. 7.—The funeral of Dr. James W. Gregg, who died suddenly of heart disease Wednesday, was held in the chapel of the center Congregational church Saturday noon. Rev. E. Q. S. Cogswold of the Unitarian church officiating. The physicians of the town attended. The body was placed in the Prospect Hill mausoleum. The bearers were Henry F. Jordan, Joshua Dahlberg, C. Frank Thomas and Frank L. Burnett.

## Rutland Boys Frequent Pool Room.

That minors have been frequenting public pool rooms in Rutland has been an open secret for many a day to all who keep in touch with what is doing in Rutland. That this condition has been in a measure alleviated and is to be greatly improved in the near future by the quiet work of a committee of the High School Parent-Teacher association and by Grand Juror C. E. Novak, at their investigation, has been known only to a few.

It was found that many of the high school boys were falling below the required standard in their school work and the committee started an investigation of the way for this. One reason for this condition of affairs needed no Sherlock Holmes to track down for all that was necessary for any one to do was to watch the boys as they left the high school to know where a large part of their time was spent.

The committee did not take hearsay reports of violation of the law by game room keepers, who permitted minors to patronize their places, but visited the places where reports of the most open violations had occurred. The law in connection was passed in 1906 and there has been no change made on the statute books concerning pool rooms since that time. It reads: "The owner or keeper of public bowling alleys or pool or billiard tables who permit a minor to play upon such alleys or tables, or to frequent as a place of resort the room or rooms containing such alleys or tables, without the written consent of the parents or guardian of such minor, shall be fined not less than \$10 for each time he allows such minor to play upon such alley or table, or to frequent the room or rooms containing the same as a place of resort."

## If Mothers Only Knew

how often children suffer from worms, they would take care and guard against this common ailment of childhood.

Signs of worms are: Deranged stomach, swollen upper lip, sour stomach, offensive breath, hard and full belly with occasional gripings and pains about the navel, pale face of leaden tint, eyes heavy and dull, twitching eyelids, itching of the nose, itching of the rectum, short dry cough, grinding of the teeth, little red spots sticking out on tongue, starting during sleep, loss of sleep.

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Dr. True

## RURAL SCHOOLS

Material Presented by C. R. Bee-man, Supt. Schools, Williams-town, Vt.

"Just to make you think, talk and act for the betterment of your own rural school."

If someone were to ask you what you consider your greatest satisfaction, and what subject you give the most careful attention, the chances are that you would say, "Our children and their welfare." History tells us that the sons and daughters of Vermont were ever in the front and on the right side in all our great struggles.

The Vermont boys and girls of today are just as brave, just as clever and just as progressive as their forefathers. Why do they not remain in Vermont and help to build upon her great natural wealth and beauty? With the exceptions of Barre City, Barre Town and Montpelier in Washington county, and Williamsstown in Orange county, these counties have steadily low population for more than 50 years.

We have a right to try to keep our boys and girls in Vermont, but the only way to do it is to give them the kind of education which will make them able to live here happily and well.

The rural school should be just as attractive and convenient, inside and out, as the average home in the district. Prof. Albert Dickens says: "The average country cemetery is sorrowfully neglected, as a rule, but its treatment is careful and generous, compared with the school grounds of the average country district." Do you believe that? Take a good look at your own school grounds the next time that you drive past. Perhaps here is one reason why school is not more popular.

"Some way must be found to make country life more attractive. The beautifying of the school grounds is one way," says Supt. O. J. Kern.

How many of my readers would paint their home red if they really wanted to place of which they could feel proud? Take a piece of paper and make a list of all the schoolhouses of which you know. How many are not red, if painted at all?

Do you fasten your front door with a padlock, the same as you do your barn? Notice the method of securing the door of your schoolhouse.

How many of you have never had a good, pure source of drinking water? Do you know of a rural school that has its own well? E. P. Fairchild, state superintendent of schools of Kansas, says: "A good well on the school grounds is as necessary as desks or blackboards."

How often is your kitchen floor mopped? Find out how often your school floor has a good cleaning. It may surprise you.

The purpose is not to "knock," but "just to make you think, talk and act for the betterment of your own rural school."

Unskilled Labor Gets 10 Cents More a Day.

An increase of 10 cents per day in wages has been given by the Howe Scale company of Rutland to such of the employees as receive \$2 a day or less. Word of the advance was given the men by the foreman Friday afternoon and it is effective as of Feb. 1. It is said that about 200 men are affected by the new schedule. Some days ago unskilled laborers to the number of considerably more than 100, who have been working for \$1.55 per day, made it known that they were to ask for an increase which would bring their wages up to \$1.75 per day. The advance in wages by the company followed closely upon this. The business of the Howe Scale company has been brisk during the entire winter. Officials state that this is true of all branches and that the boom is not due to war orders.

War May Cause Some Breeds of Horses to Become Extinct.

Farm and Fineside quotes American horsemen high in authority as saying that about one-half a million of our horses have been sold on war orders for about \$100,000,000 since the outbreak of the war.

"Fully 50 per cent of the artillery horses purchased were sired by draft stallions and were out of small mares. The same horse authorities claim that the Belgian breed in Europe has been practically destroyed, and Percheron breeding stock has also been heavily sacrificed for war use."

"A representative of one of America's greatest horse importers said it would not be possible to find 200 draft stallions suitable for export to America, even were exportation allowed."

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## MOSES AND SANITATION.

Ancient Laws as Effective as Modern Rules of Hygiene.

There has been gathered a collection of facts to prove that the sanitary laws of Moses were not only on a line with the modern rules of hygiene, but in some cases in advance of them.

The Jew, thousands of years before Christ, settling in a semitropical country, was forbidden to eat pork or shellfish, and milk was designated as a source of contagion. In the Talmud a method of slaughtering animals was prescribed which is acknowledged today in our markets as the most sanitary.

Five thousand years before Koch gave to the world the results of his researches in bacteriology the Mosiac law pointed out the danger to man from tuberculosis in cattle, but did not forbid infected poultry as food. It was only a few years ago that German specialists discovered that fowl tuberculosis was harmless to man.

The Mosiac law also enforced the isolation of patients with contagious diseases and the burial of the dead outside all cities. These hints the Gentile world did not fully accept until a century or two ago.

The wise lawgiver prescribed not only fasting at certain periods of the year, but the removal of all families in summer out to camps, where for a time they could live close to nature. Many of the laws of Moses were prescriptions intended for the health of both mind and body.—Boston Transcript.

## NO EXCUSE FOR "AIN'T."

It is About the Worst Contraction in the English Language.

"Ain't" is an improper abbreviation of "are not." British writers spell it "aint," which properly indicates its derivation. Americans make it an inclusive offense, using it for "am not" and "is not," as well as for "are not." It is unquestionably the worst instance of slovenliness in the common speech of today.

Yet it is by no means universal or even common use. It will slip occasionally from refined lips, always with a jar to the enunciator, as well as to the hearer. But the habitual user of "ain't" is careless of refinement. He may be an excellent citizen who never beats his wife nor kicks the cat. But there is likely to be something slipshod about him somewhere. For "ain't" is needless, as well as cacophonous. It fills no void and supplies no need.

English observers complain superciliously of the laxness of American speech. American observers who have listened to the marvels of Lancashire, Yorkshire, Devonshire and other shire dialects are inclined to resent any assumption of British superiority. But it is none the less desirable to eliminate our own linguistic sins, and of these "ain't" is the most deplorable.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## Diplomatic.

Father—Can the girl you are courting make a good batch of bread? Son—I can vouch for the fact that she can handle the dough all right.—Baltimore American.

Hold faithfulness and sincerity as the first principles. Sincerity is the way of heaven.—Confucius.

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## Slander.

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\*Fascinated.

The woman sitting opposite me in my hotel dining room spoke French to the waitress fluently, but there was an untidiness about her letter "r" that betokened English, and a wateriness about her eye that I thought betokened liquor. She was aged and—for all the world—was "Sally Gamp." She ate her tripe faultlessly. And she ate it voluptuously—not sectioning it with knife or fork, but rolling it omelette wise about her fork like an Italian with macaroni, and I followed each mouthful with my hungry eyes and opened my own mouth slightly each time and thrilled at her dexterity as when I watch a motorcar being lowered into the open-hatchway of a ship.—Howard Copland in Yale Review.

The Tyranny of Wills.

Many petty tyrants have sought to impose their will on posterity. Henry Budd, who died in 1862, gave proof in his will of a prejudice against music. "In case my son Edward shall wear mustaches," he stipulated, "then the devise herebefore contained in favor of him of my estate called Pepper Park shall be void, and I devise the same estate to my son William, his appointees, heirs and assigns. And in case my said son William shall wear mustaches then the devise herebefore contained in favor of him of my estate called Twickenham Park shall be void, and I devise the same estate to my son Edward." Presumably the sons accepted that close shave for a fortune.—London Spectator.

No Royalties Called "Baby."

One noteworthy feature about royalties is that none has been called "baby." From their earliest years the royal children are always called by their names or possibly by some pet name, but an English prince or princess is never called "baby" either by relatives or by his or her nurses. From the age of five a prince is styled "sir" by his attendants and a princess "madam."—London Standard.

That's Different.

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